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Terror suspect Akayed Ullah

Would-be suicide bomber Akayed Ullah tried but failed to take the lives of New Yorkers yesterday in an attack at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Now, investigators are looking into the Bangladeshi immigrant's background as the city works to keep everyone safe. 2

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New Yorkers are on edge after the second terror attack in six weeks sent shock waves through the city yesterday. This time, a Bangladeshi suicide bomber set off a homemade pipe bomb in

a pedestrian subway passage. Fortunately, no one was killed, and the suspect was arrested. But questions linger about the safety of the city and other metro areas across the nation. Visit Metro.us for continued coverage of this heinous act.



Rush-hour attack rocks NYC

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"We're not going to allow them to disrupt us," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

A homemade pipe bomb strapped to a man's body detonated at a bustling New York City transit hub Monday morning, injuring himself and three bystanders in what Mayor Bill DeBlasio called a terror attack.

The explosion went off at 7:20 a.m. in a subway tunnel at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, just a block from Times Square. Commuters fled the scene as the blast echoed out and filled parts of the building with smoke.

Police arrested the suspect, Akayed Ullah, shortly after. Ullah, 27, is an immigrant from Bangladesh who lives in Brooklyn. He was taken to a local hospital with severe injuries, including burns to his body, officials said.

Law enforcement officials said the improvised explosive device was akin to a pipe bomb, which he'd apparently learned to make on the internet.

"This was a terror attack in our subway," de Blasio said at a press con-

ference on 42nd Street just before 10 a.m. "There was one individual who, thank God, was unsuccessful in his aims."

NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill did confirm that Ullah made a statement before the device detonated, but when asked if it may have been in support of the Islamic State group (ISIS), he said, "We're not going to talk about that right now," nor would he discuss Ullah's history or if he was known to authorities.

"It is very frightening and disturbing when you hear about a bomb in the subway station," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said, calling it a "worst nightmare." "But the reality is that we are a target by many who would like to make a statement against freedom."

"We're not going to allow them to disrupt us — that is exactly what they want and exactly what they're not going to get," the governor added.

Three bystanders in the vicinity of the explosion suffered non-life-threatening injuries, which included ringing ears and headaches, FDNY Commissioner Daniel Nigro said, and were treated at area hospitals.

The explosion came just weeks after Sayfullo Saipov drove a rented truck down a Lower



New York Police officers stand outside the New York Port Authority after an explosion on Monday morning. ALL PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

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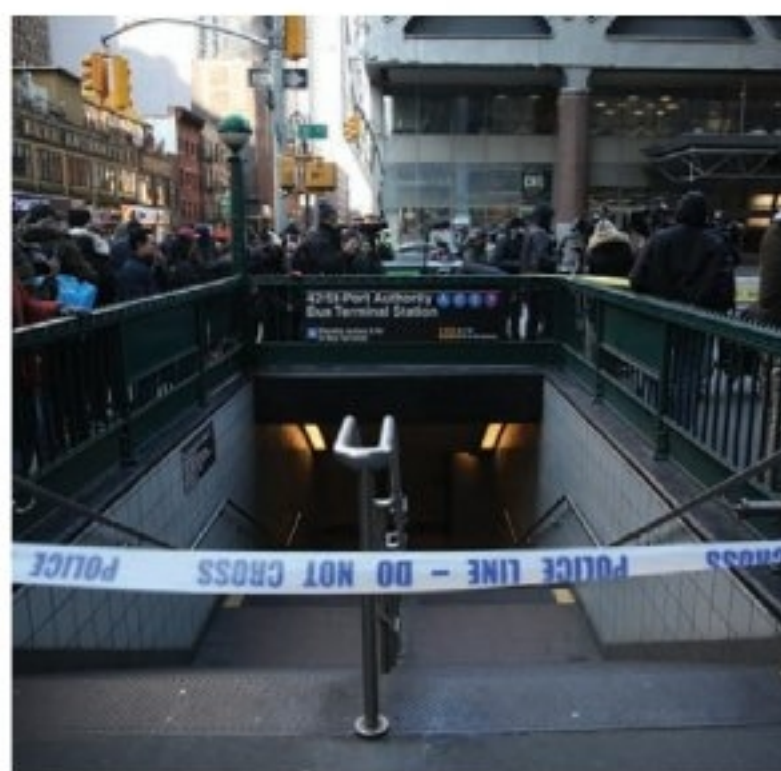
Manhattan bike path on Halloween, killing eight people and injuring a dozen others. Saipov had expressed support for ISIS in that attack.

Monday's blast brought the city's subway system to a standstill until late morning, though transit authorities said they expected service to return to nor-

mal later that day.

"Now, the mission is to secure all major transit hubs and sites," de Blasio said, adding that New Yorkers can expect an "expanded NYPD presence today."

"This is the most resilient place on Earth," he said. "We're going to keep being New Yorkers. Let's get back to work."



NYPD officers were deployed near the subway entrances at the Port Authority Bus Terminal.



Police and other first responders respond to the explosion at the Port Authority Bus Terminal.



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Who is Akayed Ullah, the suspect in the Port Authority bombing?

An explosion occurred in the subway near the transit hub Monday morning, and police have the alleged culprit in custody.



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Akayed Ullah, a 27-year-old man, reportedly detonated a pipe bomb in the subway near Times Square on Monday morning, NYPD said, causing minor injuries and disrupting multiple trains.

Ullah is at Bellevue Hospital on Manhattan's East Side. He sustained burns and wounds to his body from the bomb, which was strapped to his body, as is consistent

with a suicide bomber, officials said. NYPD have called the incident a terror attack.

Ullah is a Bangladeshi national who was inspired by ISIS, law-enforcement officials told the Associated Press.

When asked if he is connected to ISIS, NYPD Commissioner James P. O'Neill said, "He did make statements" on the way to the hospital, but O'Neill did not elaborate.

Police were investigating Ullah's Brooklyn apartment Monday morning. Ullah came to the United States about seven years ago, a U.S. official told The Daily Beast.

There are few details known about Ullah's background. The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission confirmed that a man



Akayed Ullah is in custody after detonating a pipe bomb attached to his body Monday morning, NYPD said. NYC TLC

named Akayed Ullah was previously licensed with it.

Ullah used to hold a "For-Hire Vehicle" li-

cense, which covers black cars and livery cars. Ullah held that license, which has since lapsed, from March 2012 to

March 2015. He did not hold a license to work as a taxi driver, a TLC spokesperson said.

The bomb was an "improvised, low-tech device," officials said. Ullah reportedly told police that he made the device at the electrical company where he works, according to the New York Post.

Officials reported four injuries in total from the explosion, including Ullah. All of those injuries are not life threatening, FDNY said. Officials believe the pipe bomb detonated earlier than planned. The occurred in the 42nd Street pedestrian tunnel between Port Authority and Times Square around 7:20 a.m.

Ullah is believed to have carried out this

attack on his own. Though he was reportedly inspired by ISIS, he did not have contact with the terrorist organization, the AP reported. Officials said that there are no other known threats.

"At this point in time, all we know of is one individual who, thank God, was unsuccessful in his aims," Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a news conference Monday morning. "There are also no credible and specific threats against New York City at this time."

The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force is conducting a full background investigation into Ullah. Officials are asking anyone who may have information about him or the attack to call the terror hot line at 888-NYC-SAFE.




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Boston police intensify MBTA station patrols after New York City terror attack

The Boston Police Department is amping up patrols around major MBTA stations after a terror attack in the New York City subway near Port Authority Bus Terminal Monday morning.

The explosion injured four people, including the suspect Akayed Ullah, a 27-year-old Bangladeshi national who reportedly made the pipe bomb himself, which was strapped around his body.

The bomb detonated around 7:20 Monday morning and disrupted service on multiple subway lines. Multiple departments are involved in the investigation, including the New York Police Department, the New York Fire Department, Port Authority Police, MTA Police and more.

BPD said that Boston officers are monitoring the incident as well



BPD said that Boston officers are monitoring the New York incident, and officials here are maintaining contact with the NYPD during the investigation. **DEREK KOUYOUMRAN**

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New York City officials confirmed the bombing was a terror attack and said they were not aware of any other threats.

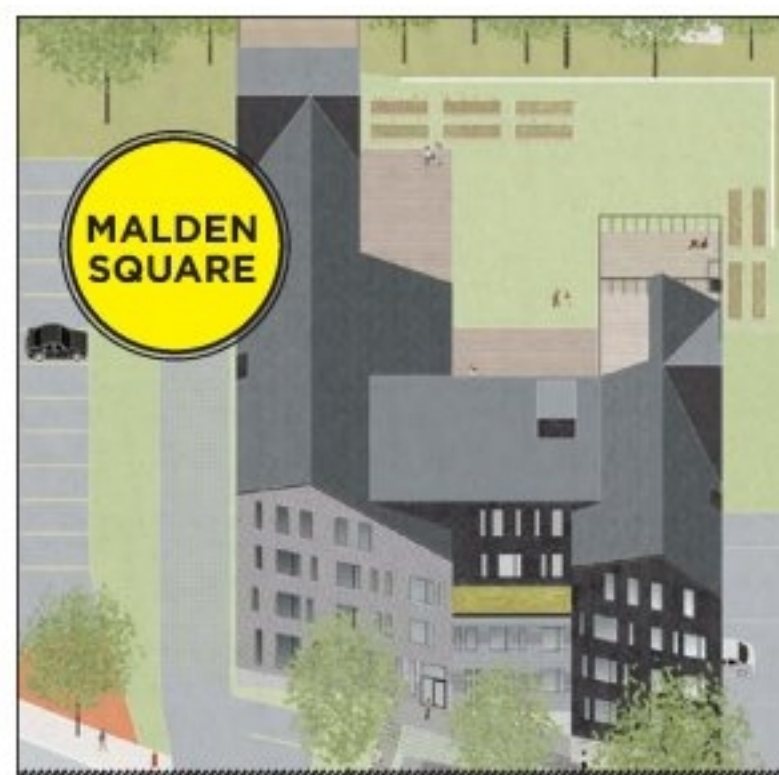
There did not appear to be a specific threat to the Boston area either, Boston police said.

Still, officers are stepping up their patrol at major MBTA stations and ensuring that they stay vigilant in light of the attack.

On Sunday, local emergency crews took part in a simulated drill of a train evacuation at the MBTA's Emergency Training Center on Foundry Street. MBTA Transit Police, the

Boston Fire Department, Boston Emergency Medical Services and MBTA Operations were on scene at that drill.

"These exercises go a long way to strengthening the city of Boston's resilience should something happen," Steven McHugh, the deputy superintendent of Boston EMS, told the Boston Globe. **KRISTIN TOUSSAINT**



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WBUR's "On Point" host Tom Ashbrook (right) pictured with Jack Beatty, "On Point" news analyst. GETTY IMAGES

Complaint alleges 'creepy' sex talks, angry outbursts by 'On Point' host Tom Ashbrook

Tom Ashbrook has been placed on leave while WBUR investigates the claims made against the "On Point" host.



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A number of current and former WBUR employees have filed a complaint

with the Boston-based NPR news station alleging a hostile work environment at the hands of Tom Ashbrook, host of the radio show "On Point."

Eleven young men and women filed the "multi-page" complaint Thursday with WBUR and Boston University, the news station's owner, WBUR reported.

The complaint details a toxic work environment for "On Point" staffers, including "creepy" sex talk, hugs and back or neck rubs after reprimands, name-calling and angry outbursts at young women while in the station.

As of Friday, Ashbrook was placed on leave while the investigation into the allegations occurs.

"I worry that Tom's behavior discourages young women from continuing in journalism," one former producer who signed the complaint told WBUR. WBUR is withholding the woman's name.

"Working at 'On Point' as a young woman in journalism sets up a very bizarre understanding of expectations," she added. "It has taken several years to adjust my understanding of what is normal behavior and what is not in the workplace."

In a statement, Ashbrook addressed the allegations against him and

noted the "pressure" that accompanies hosting a live two-hour news radio show, which he said caused him to "at times [be] a tough and demanding boss."

"We aspire to put out a top-notch show. Many people have thrived in that environment; a few have not," he said.

Ashbrook also said that he is "stunned that a few former colleagues have apparently come forward with allegations that have not been shared with me."

He said that he does not know what specifically is being alleged about him, or by whom, and that he tries to be "fair-minded and courteous" to everyone.

At least three former producers told WBUR that they had "screamed back" at Ashbrook or told him to stop berating a colleague. Five current or former producers told the station that they "met with station managers multiple times, dating back at least five years, to raise concerns about Ashbrook." One producer reportedly warned the station of the high turnover rate specifically with "On Point" staffers.

Ashbrook has been the host of "On Point" for 16 years. The show is carried by more than 290 NPR stations across the country.



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ALABAMA ELECTION

Trump makes robo-call for Moore as Democrat Jones takes lead in Alabama race

President Donald Trump sought to boost Republican U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore by releasing a recorded phone call on his behalf in the final stretch of a bitter Alabama election fight marked by accusations of sexual misconduct against Moore.

Moore, 70, a conservative Christian and former Alabama Supreme Court justice, will face off in Tuesday's election against Democrat Doug Jones, 63, a former U.S. attorney.

On Monday, the eve of the election, the Moore campaign is rolling out a robo-call with Trump's voice telling voters that if they do not support the Republican candidate, progress on his agenda will be "stopped cold."

Democrats then decided to make robo-calls using two of their party's own big guns - former President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

A Fox News Poll conducted on Thursday and released on Monday put Jones ahead of Moore, with Jones potentially taking 50 percent of the vote and Moore 40 percent. Fox said 8 percent of voters were undecided and 2 percent support another candidate.

Moore, who was twice removed from the state Supreme Court for refusing to abide by federal law, may find a chilly reception in Washington if he wins. Republican Sen. Tim Scott told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday that the chamber would immediately subject Moore to an ethics investigation. **REUTERS**

Don't go broke over your winter break

Resist going wild when you head home from school this holiday season.



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It may be tempting to go a little spending-crazy when you head home from college this holiday season.

You'll be seeing some of your childhood friends you haven't seen since summer, or you might feel the need to buy some gifts for loved ones that could put you in the red.

Just keep in mind that you have one more semester left before the school year is over, and there is nothing worse than being a broke and starving college student. Here are some ways you can cut down on spending too much cash around the

holiday season.

Sorry, but avoid the bars Bars will be the easiest places to reconnect with friends and to take refuge from your nagging parents, but they will also drain any money you have saved up from your on-campus job. If you want to drink and catch up, find a space big enough where you can all pitch in on some cheap beverages.

If you are planning on going to a New Year's Eve celebration, don't feel like you need to spring for an expensive bottle of bubbly. According to Lauren Greutman, a savings expert at budgeting app Flipp, there will be tons of good quality bottles for cheap.

"Expect deals through New Year's, but don't limit yourself to champagne," says Greutman. "Naturally, only sparkling wines produced in that spe-



Be smart this winter break. ISTOCK

cific region of France can earn the 'Champagne' label, making it more expensive. So consider less expensive sparkling wines like prosecco or cava."

As long as you can

pop the cork at midnight, no one will know!

Keep a tight gift budget Even though you are in school full-time and possibly spending all

of your time outside class working a part-time job to support your ... fun weekend habits, you still have a long list of relatives to buy gifts for this holiday season. So before

you send your savings account back to zero, take a deep breath and make yourself a realistic budget.

According to Greutman, keeping your gifts as simple as possible will save you in the end. By staying away from elaborate gestures and looking for deals on things like toys and board games (hey, they can be fun for adults too!) you can sneak out of the gift-giving season's clutches relatively unscathed.

"Prices on toys get slashed in the month of December," she says. "Even some hot gifts are available in December at a discount thanks to restocking."

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Why supporting an adult child will cost the both of you.



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You can't blame parents for wanting to help their adult children. But when they fork over cash for their kids' daily living expenses, parents may jeopardize their children's long-term financial success — and put their own retirement at risk. Fifty-six percent of parents with children age

18 or older said they've paid for their adult children's groceries, 40% have covered their health insurance and 21% have paid for rent or housing, according to a new NerdWallet survey, conducted by Harris Poll, of 656 parents with children age 18 and older. Even if your bank account can withstand these headwinds, giving money isn't a great way to teach your child financial savvy. Luckily, there are ways for you and your child to achieve a healthier relationship with money — one in which your child gains financial independence and you get your retirement savings on track. Consider these steps:

1 Figure out why
The first step is identifying why you're providing

the support. Helping kids is "virtually always born out of love and concern," says Susan Zimmerman, a chartered financial consultant, marriage and family therapist and co-founder of Mindful Asset Planning, in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Often, a secondary driver is a desire to keep your child happy. Wanting to please others isn't necessarily wrong, but "you can end up having too much of a good thing." Keep that in mind as you take the next steps to trim back your financial aid.

2 Get clarity on your own finances
Before explaining the new arrangement to your adult child, figure out where you stand in terms of retirement savings. If you understand your



The parental instinct is to help out your children. Here's how to do so without detriment to yourself and your child. ISTOCK

money picture, you can tell your child exactly why you need to cut back. Plus, it's a good way to model smart financial behavior.

3 Have the conversation
The next step is to talk with your child. This could be a touchy topic, so give him or her fair warning, Zimmerman says.

Once you're together, explain why your financial assistance will need

to stop. Zimmerman suggests saying something like this: "We calculated our income needs for retirement, and we're falling short. That's why we need to start preserving the little bit of excess that we have."

4 Create a timeline
Give your child some time to prepare by setting a date for when your contributions will end.

5 Offer other types of

support
"Sometimes the better thing for the wealthy parent to do is to start connecting those children to the many resources that exist now: career counseling, life coaching, financial counseling," Zimmerman says.

That way, she says, you can tell your child: "I want you to feel the joy of experiencing achievement and success, however you define it for yourself." **ANDREA COOMBS**



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Celebrities who tied the knot in 2017

Ah, marriage. A bond that is supposed to be eternal, but usually ends up lasting an average of eight years — and that's not even in celebrity time, no siree.

No matter, though. Marriage is always in. Especially for these celebrities, who tied the knot with their partners this year. Here are 8 celebrities that said "I do" in 2017.

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Serena Williams and Alexis Ohanian

Williams, 36, and Ohanian, 34, said their "I do's" in a star-studded New Orleans ceremony in November.



Jessica Chastain and Gian Luca Passi de Preposulo

The 40-year-old woke bae and actress married her longtime beau, Gian Luca Passi de Preposulo, 34, in June.



Miranda Kerr and Evan Spiegel

Formerly celibate brunettes Kerr, 34, and Snapchat CEO Spiegel, 26, married in May.



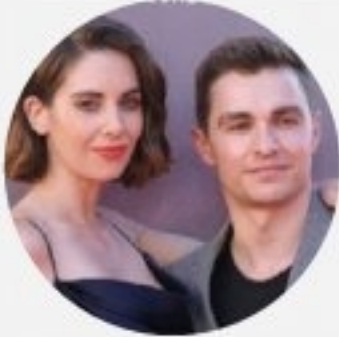
Gucci Mane and Keyshia Ka'oir

Gucci Mane, 37, and his long-suffering longtime girlfriend, Ka'oir, 32, married in an extravagant \$1.7 million wedding in Miami this October.



Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander

Very serious actors Fassbender, 40, and Vikander, 29, tied the knot in Ibiza in October.



Alison Brie and Dave Franco

"Glow" star Brie, 34 and the younger Franco, 32, confirmed they had one of those low-key top-secret weddings in March.



Amanda Seyfried and Thomas Sadoski

Here are some words used to describe the elopement of actors Seyfried, 31, and Sadoski, 40: intimate, secret, beautiful, in March.



Pippa Middleton and James Matthews

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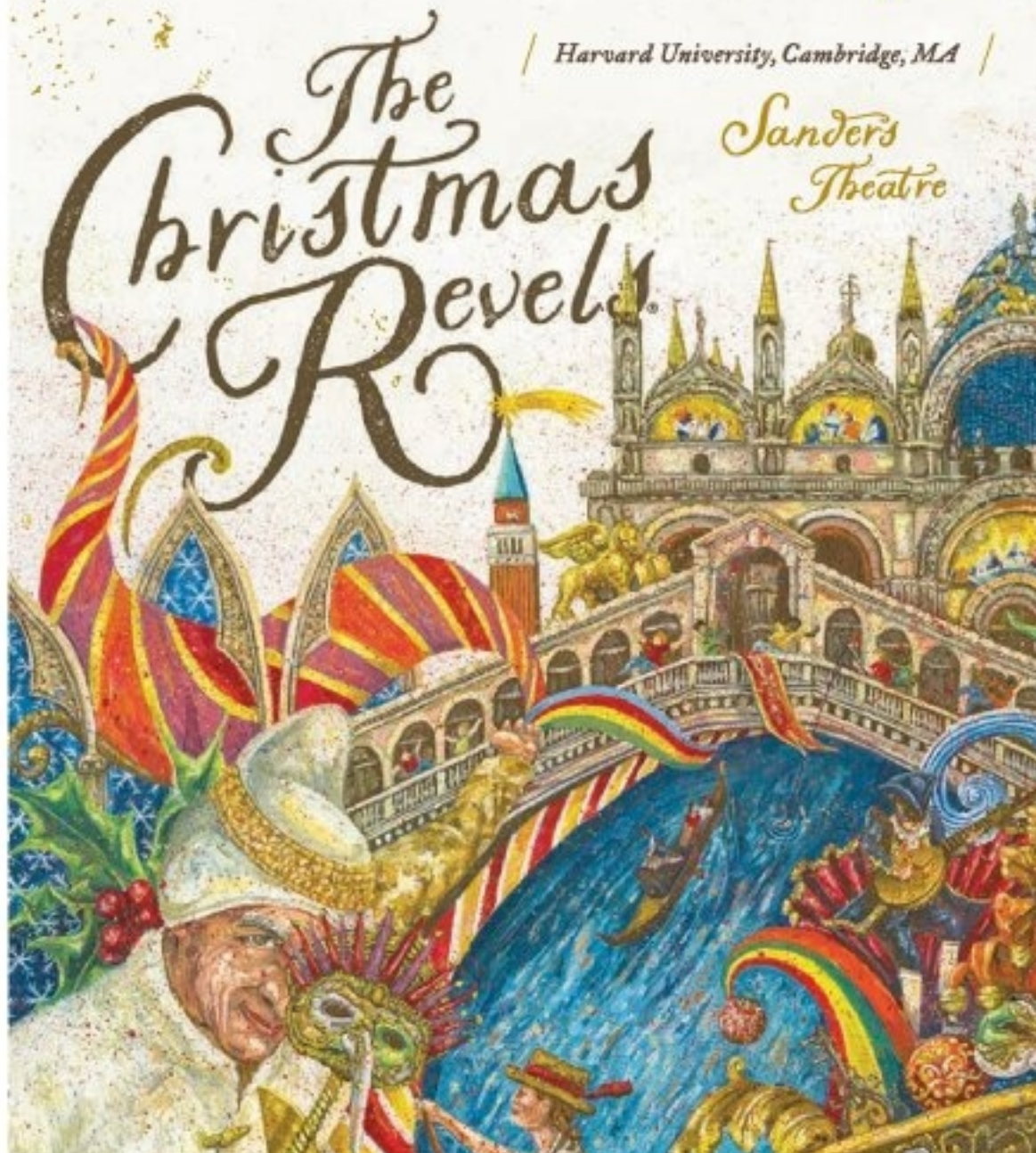
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"The Muscles from Brussels" opens up about his Amazon series and more.

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Jean-Claude Van Damme has been kicking butts and taking names on the big screen for decades. Now fans will get to see another side of the star when his show "Jean-Claude Van Johnson" premieres on Amazon.

In the series, which debuts Dec. 15, Van Damme dips his toes into the comedy waters, playing a past-his-prime, fictionalized version of himself. But "The Muscles from Brussels" doesn't just take on the role of an aging actor looking for a comeback; his character is also an undercover spy who gets into all kinds of trouble, much to the chagrin of his handler and ex-lover Vanessa (Kat Foster).

Van Damme tells Metro that he had a lot



Jean-Claude van Damme stars in Amazon's new series "Jean-Claude Van Johnson." ALL PHOTOS AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

of fun showing off his comedic chops—along with his high-flying kicks—in "Jean-Claude Van Johnson."

"I think people will be surprised when they see

that," he says. "I really did it over the top. It was the only way to show that I can do something in that area."

Despite his ups and downs, the 57-year-old

actor has remained a beloved icon among action movie fans. He credits his longevity in the business to his charisma, something he believes only a handful of martial arts

stars have.

In particular, he doesn't think Chuck Norris has that same X factor as Bruce Lee or even an "out of shape" Steven Seagal.

"Charisma, bro. It's true," says Van Damme. "I love Chuck, but Chuck didn't have what Bruce and I have. It's like that click. The click is happening for us."

"And it's real," he adds. "Our moves are real and we believe what we're doing so you can project that energy."

Van Damme began his martial-arts journey as a kid, frequently going toe-to-toe with sparring partners who were much older and stronger than he was. As a comic-book fan, Van Damme was inspired by his favorite heroes to step up his game and hone his physique so he could compete with the big boys.

"They were tough kids and I was scared as s—t," Van Damme says. "I started lifting weights to have

a good body. Of course, I fell in love with those comic books. By looking at their bodies, like Spider-Man and Silver Surfer, you see their body shape, so you start to imitate their bodies."

Before diving into the world of movies, Van Damme participated in full-contact karate and kickboxing matches back in the day, earning a slew of knockouts and championships. Van Damme briefly toyed with the idea of returning to the ring against Olympic boxing gold medalist and muay Thai legend Somluck Kamsing during filming for his short-lived, 2011 reality series "Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors."

These days, Van Damme tries to keep his kicks in the gym, occasionally training with mixed martial artists like UFC champion Georges St-Pierre. He nearly unleashed his fists of fury, though, during an appearance at a Comic

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Damme initiated the altercation, but the Belgian actor disputes that account.

"All he's saying is bulls—t," Van Damme says. "All he's saying doesn't exist. This guy, I just say hello to him in Mexico. He came at me, I say hello and that's it."

At his age, Van Damme would rather watch MMA fights on TV than throwdown in a cage—or backstage at a convention. However, he admits that dealing with agents and everything that comes with Hollywood can be just as dangerous as a street

fight, or even the spy vs. spy moments in "Jean-Claude Van Johnson."

"It can be very dangerous," Van Damme says. "Where you have lots of money, it's always dangerous."

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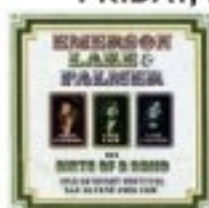
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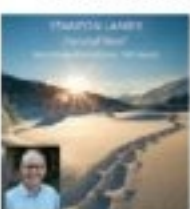
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CAN THE CELTICS WIN THE NBA

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The Celtics have the best record in the NBA at 23-5 and are on pace to finish with the fourth best regular season record in NBA history at 68-14.

That said, no one thinks they can win the title this season.

The Celtics are still +750 to win it all, with three teams (Warriors -180, Cavs +550, Rockets +700) ahead of them according to OddsShark.com's latest odds. Despite being THE BOSTON CELTICS and having one of the marquee players in the league in Kyrie Irving, the Celtics still aren't getting the national respect they probably deserve at this juncture. And even if they finish with the league's best record, it's highly unlikely that the above odds will change all that much between now and mid-April.

So, here's the ultimate question for this season: can the Celtics actually win it all this June?

Believe it or not, yes. Yes, they can. And here's why.

The Hayward factor

Danny Ainge told 98.5 The Sports Hub's Touch-

er and Rich last week that Hayward is just two weeks away from being able to take his walking boot off. The Celtics have been oddly mum about Hayward's injury since it happened on opening night, rarely offering a true timetable for his return.

But as of right now, all signs are pointing toward Hayward being able to step back on the floor again by the end of the regular season.

The absurd length of the NBA regular season and the even more ridiculous length of the NBA Playoffs (two full months!) actually helps the Celtics here. It means that Hayward should be able to not only play in the playoffs — he should be able to knock off

the rust and get back to 100 percent by the time the NBA Finals roll around in June (assuming the Celtics can get there, of course).

Obviously working the kinks out during a playoff series is

not ideal, but the Celtics are talented enough to get away with it in the first

two rounds this year.

If Hayward is good to go, he would surely be the best in-season addition to any title contender this season.

Why they can beat Cleveland

When the Celtics pulled off the Kyrie Irving — Isaiah Thomas trade, it was thought to be mostly a wash on defense. Irving was regarded as being as bad a defender as Thomas. The only difference, most thought, was that Kyrie was taller and could at least get a hand in the face of opposing team's shooters.

We've come to find out that Kyrie can be an excellent defensive player at times, much to the chagrin of jilted Cavs fans.

Kyrie helped limit standout Mavericks rookie Dennis Smith Jr. to a 4-of-16 shooting night last Wednesday and made a key steal from behind



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down the stretch to preserve a Celtics win.

Critics will say, meh, it was the Mavericks — they suck. But in the Celtics' 92-88 victory over the Warriors last month, Stephen Curry shot 3-of-14 from the floor and finished with a season-low nine points.

Expect Irving to be able to erase most of what Isaiah Thomas (who should be healthy by then) does on offense in a presumed Eastern Conference Finals showdown. It will also help the Celtics that Brad Stevens knows all of Isaiah's tricks.

As for that tiny matter of guarding LeBron James, the Celtics obviously cannot completely stop him. But they do have the personnel to at least slow him down some. LeBron said last year that Jaylen Brown was one of the sneaky good young defenders in the NBA and Stevens tends to agree as he often puts Brown one-on-one with LeBron. Obviously Brown will need help and that may come in the form of Marcus Morris. Morris helped hold LeBron to a season-low 16 points last year when he was a member of the Pistons, and Detroit had decent success against the Cavs overall last year with Morris around, going 2-2.

LeBron went off for 29 against the Celtics on opening night, but remember that Morris



It's looking more and more like Gordon Hayward will be able to contribute to the Celtics come April. GETTY IMAGES

was not yet active.

Why they can beat Golden State

It can no longer be considered a fluke. Stevens and the Celtics know how to beat the Warriors.

They have a winning record against the NBA's gold standard in the past three years, with a 3-2

advantage.

So Stevens is the coach with the most success against the Warriors, and now the C's have the player with the most success against the Dubs in Kyrie. Kyrie was the difference-maker in the 2016 NBA Finals when the Cavs rallied from a 3-1 hole to upset Golden State.

Like the Celtics with Hayward, the Warriors are currently dealing with injuries to their own stars as Curry will miss the next two weeks with a sprained right ankle and Draymond Green is having shoulder issues.

You obviously can't bank on injuries, but the Warriors are due for some bad luck in June one of

these years. The Cavs endured costly injuries to Kevin Love and Kyrie during the Finals trilogy between them and the Warriors. It may be Golden State's turn to have to fight through injury issues on pro basketball's grand stage.

All told, it's crazy to say considering the Warriors unreal collection of

C's feeling the grind

The NBA schedule was supposed to be well spaced out this season in an effort to give teams more rest. Don't tell that to the Celtics right now, who just wrapped up a back-to-back on the road, and will host a back-to-back later this week. Even when the C's aren't playing back-to-back games, it's felt like — lately — they're playing every other night. The C's will host Denver (14-12) on Wednesday and Utah (13-14) on Friday before taking on the Grizzlies (8-18) in Memphis Saturday night.

stars, but the Celtics actually match up better with Golden State than with Cleveland. Boston has been built to compete against a sharp-shooting, guard-heavy squad like the Warriors. The hope for Ainge during this whole process was that LeBron would either get old or would bolt to the Western Conference. Both could be on the horizon, but we're not quite there yet.

If the Celtics can somehow slip past LeBron and the Cavs in the Eastern Conference Finals, then it's game on in the NBA's championship round. By then, for sure, the Celtics will have earned everyone's respect.

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Across

- 1 Seashore
- 6 Nashville's -- McEntire
- 10 Up to the task
- 14 Golfer Lorena --
- 15 Pamplona shouts
- 16 Kitchen worker
- 17 Loses fur
- 18 Very small
- 20 Farm
- 22 Smidgens
- 23 Sierra Madre gold
- 24 Fabric meas.
- 25 Uncertain
- 29 Fixed, as attention
- 33 Cube inventor
- 34 Gave up territory
- 35 Canister
- 37 Grad-school exam
- 38 Camel halts
- 39 -- -splicing
- 40 Fold-up bed
- 41 Ocean fliers
- 42 Handbag logo
- 43 -- and dearest
- 45 Feed abundantly
- 46 Kind of jacket
- 47 Not worth a --
- 48 Pointed remarks
- 51 Finicky
- 57 In a luxurious manner
- 59 Makes sharp
- 60 Glassmaker -- Lalique

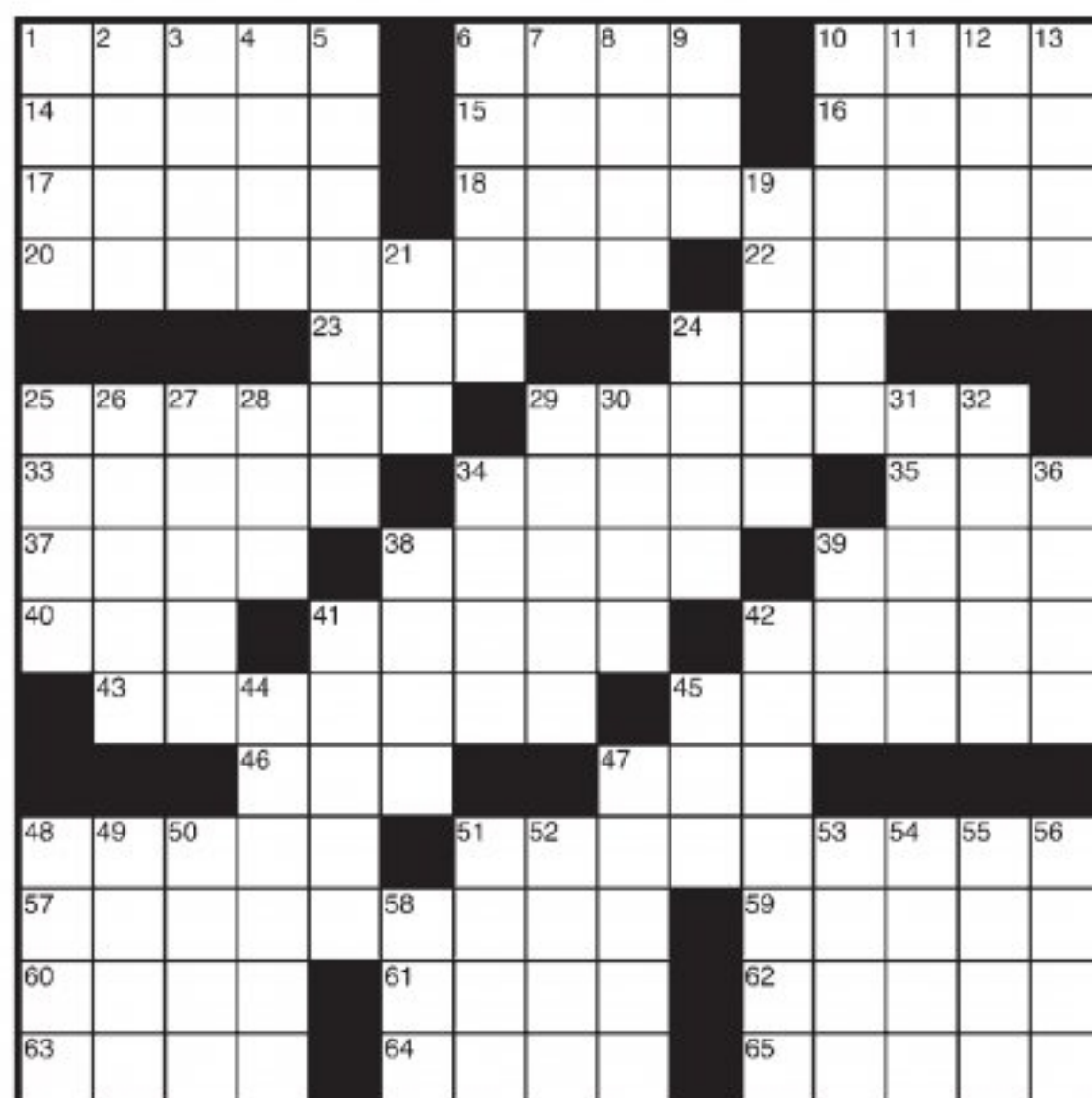
- 61 Film purchase
- 62 Fierce whales
- 63 New singles
- 64 On vacation
- 65 Like an old joke

Down

- 1 Nonsense!
- 2 Parrot
- 3 "Excuse me..."
- 4 Morse invention
- 5 Footstool
- 6 Lover in a play
- 7 Name in essays
- 8 Stoop
- 9 Tempe inst.
- 10 Buttonhole
- 11 Exchange of blows
- 12 Albright or Falana
- 13 Really skimps
- 19 Put up cedar shakes
- 21 Hear a case

- 24 First name in fashion
- 25 Gator kin
- 26 A Great Lake
- 27 Subside
- 28 Not even one
- 29 Adjust a clock
- 30 March 15, in Rome
- 31 Cockpit button
- 32 Sock hop
- 34 Soup containers
- 36 Horse's brake
- 38 Layered cookie
- 39 Kind of instinct
- 41 Remove chalk
- 42 Argentine cowboys
- 44 Walks slowly
- 45 Attacker
- 47 Furtively
- 48 Fail to amuse
- 49 Triangle tip
- 50 Viking letter
- 51 Put in the overhead
- 52 She, in Seville
- 53 Civil wrongdoing
- 54 Early Peruvian
- 55 Scaloppine base
- 56 To be, to Brutus
- 58 Firearms lobby

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easy

1				8		2		5
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hard

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		3		5			1	8

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Aries Make a change that will improve your standard of living and ease your everyday stress. Better life choices will give you more time for romance.



Taurus Take care of personal finances, health issues and any pending settlements before it's too late. Let go of the past and accept the inevitable.



Gemini You'll face opposition if you try to make changes that someone doesn't want. Expect a rival to use tactics that can undermine you and your plans.



Cancer Don't let your emotions take the reins. Avoid getting into a spat with anyone at work or home. Keeping the peace is in your best interest. Be ready and willing to compromise.



Leo Fix up your place. Add to your home entertainment system or do something with the youngsters in your family that will get them excited about upcoming events.



Virgo Use your intelligence and insight to get others to see things your way. Manipulative or forceful tactics are not recommended; persuasion is the way to go.



Libra Doing something to help your community will be enlightening. If you share your thoughts with a friend, together you can make someone's dream come true.



Scorpio Money matters should be addressed. You may want to make some changes to your personal finances or documents before the year's end.



Sagittarius You'll thrive on being challenged. Your ability to take whatever is thrown at you and turn it into something great will put you in a leadership category.



Capricorn Choose your words wisely and use common sense, not brute force, to get what you want. Trying to pressure or manipulate others will result in a stalemate.



Aquarius Intellect, desire and a plan that will help you stick to a strict budget while still enjoying the interests and pastimes that make you happy will help you succeed.



Pisces You'll have to use common sense when dealing with partners, colleagues and matters that could influence your position, status or reputation. **EUGENIA LAST**

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SEVEN	COLO	NANO						
EXERTION	TOQUES							
AWHILE	CACTI							
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	CAMEO	BUENOS						
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